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Questionnaire and Comment Form

Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's
Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

June 12, 2003

This questionnaire and comment form is designed to help you identify and describe any issues of interest to you regarding Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX. Your comments will help the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis understand public interests and concerns about the project as we conduct our environmental review.

Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the exhibits. If you have a concern about a particular geographic area, please circle it on the attached map.

Please give us the completed form tonight or mail it to:

Attn: FD 34284
Rini Ghosh
Attorney-Adviser
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Your name and address are optional, but would be useful if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive subsequent information regarding this project.

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1. Which of the following applies to your situation?

- ☒ The proposed rail line is near my home.
- ☐ The proposed rail line is near my business.
- ☐ The proposed rail line crosses my property
- ☐ Other, please specify
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2. What are your concerns regarding potential environmental impacts and do you have any mitigation suggestions?

ONE CONCERN IS FLOODING. THIS REGION HAS PROBLEMS DURING HEAVY RAIN ALREADY. ALL PROPOSED ROUTES WILL AFFECT THE WAY RAIN RUNS OFF AND FLOWS. THIS WILL AFFECT EVERY LIVING THING FROM WILDLIFE TO LANDOWNERS. I WORK AS A MANUFACTURING ENGINEER FOR SONY, AND I KNOW FROM WORKING WITH OTHER ENGINEERS, THAT A THEORETICAL DESIGN OFTEN DOESN'T WORK AS PLANNED. EVEN THE BEST ENGINEER DOESN'T HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION, CAN'T PLAN FOR EVERYTHING. LOOK AT THE MAP. LOOK AT THE CREEKS. A RAILROAD NEAR/CROSSING THESE IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.

3. Please use this space for additional comments or suggestions.

NO ONE I KNOW EXCEPT CLOVIS BOEHME WANTS THIS QUARRY. MUCH OF THE LAND WAS PURCHASED BY DECEPTION. THE QUARRY REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT SAY THEY WERE VULCAN. THEY KNEW THE OWNERS WOULDN'T SELL. VULCAN'S TACTIC OF ACQUIRING A RAILROAD STATUS IS ALSO THREATENING. THIS IS HOW THIS COMPANY IS STARTING THEIR BUSINESS; WITH THREATS & DECEPTION. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THEY START THEIR OPERATION. I RESPECT THE RIGHT FOR SOMEONE TO CONDUCT A BUSINESS, BUT NOT WHEN THAT BUSINESS IS NOT WANTED BY THE MAJORITY. TOURISTS COME TO MEDINA COUNTY TO SEE COUNTRY NOT GRAVEL TRUCKS. CITY FOLK MOVE OUT HERE AND BUY EXPENSIVE HOMES TO LIVE IN THE COUNTRY. THIS QUARRY INFRINGES ON THOSE BUSINESSES. THE HISTORICAL HOMES ARE ALSO IN JEOPARDY BY THE RAILROAD.

Thank you for your comments.

